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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1), the undersigned Attorney of record hereby states that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

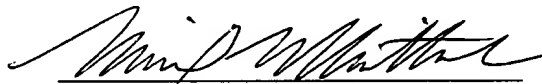
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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